

Ballycraigy Primary School

MARCH NEWSLETTER

PASTORAL

Attendance - *UNCRC Article 28 – You have the right to good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school.*

Attendance figures for February to follow.

Child Protection

Our updated policy for Pastoral Care and Child Protection is available from the office or on our web site. The designated teacher for Child Protection is Dr Edwards and Mrs Fowler and Mrs Little are her deputies.

Start/Finish Times

Children should be encouraged to arrive at school before the 8.50am bell. School starts at 8.55am sharp. Children arriving after this time will be recorded as late on the school register. Persistent lateness will be reported to the Education Welfare Service. Remember breakfast club is available from 8.15am daily.

Article 45 Schedule 1 of the Children NI Order states that the Education Welfare Service can fine families up to £1000.00 for failing to ensure that their children attend school. The Education Welfare Officer visits school regularly to monitor attendance.

Parents of P2-P7 children are reminded that they should not enter the school playground but leave their child/children at the school gates.

Please Note

World Book Day is 3rd March but we are celebrating this for a week, beginning Monday 14th – Friday 18th March.

Please see leaflet enclosed with more details.

On Tuesday 15th March it will be bring your wheels to school. We are trying to encourage children and parents to make their journeys to school more active. This initiative is part of the Sustrans active travel programme.

ADMINISTRATION

Early Closure Wednesday 2nd March 1.00pm for Staff Training.

School will be closed for the Easter holidays on Friday 18th March at **12.00noon**. There will be no school lunches available. School reopens on Monday 4th April at the usual time.

ICT Home Learning Support

Some children in school have been using the program 'Espresso' in class and they really enjoy it. As we have purchased the licence you are able to access this from home. Go to www.espresso.co.uk and enter:-

Pupil Username and password available from the Office

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Dogs

Due to Health & Safety reasons dogs MUST not enter our grounds.

Car Parking

Please remember that only car park permit holders are allowed to use the school car park at 'peak' times in the morning and afternoon.

Some children and adults are still walking through the car park gate to enter the school grounds. On Tuesday 23rd February a child was almost knocked down. Please use the pedestrian gate beside the playground.

E-Safety

- Remember that if things do go wrong online, there are people who can help.
- If you receive any inappropriate images or links, it is important that you do not forward it to anyone else. Contact police or tell a trusted adult immediately. By doing this you could help prevent further such incidents. You will not get into trouble.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

1 st March	P6 Young Enterprise
2 nd March	ANBC Cricket Competition (P5 –P7 selected children)
8 th March	ANBC P5 – P7 Netball Competition (girls only)
9 th March	Fairtrade Football Tournament
11 th March	Visit from Stranmillis Students
14 th – 18 th March	Book Week – Special events each day. More details to follow
15 th March	PTA Family Quiz Night – fun begins at 6.30pm Adults £2.00 Children £1.00 includes refreshments
17 th March	9.15am Easter Assembly led by school choir

After School Activities

Monday	Parent and Toddlers at 9.30am
Monday	Homework Club P4 – P7 at 3.00pm
Tuesday	P1 & P2 Jo Jingles at 2.00pm
Tuesday	P5 – P7 Sport NI activities – Netball at 3.00pm
Friday	P1 – P3 Jump, Jiggle and Jive from 2.00pm

COMMUNITY

Parenting NI Health and Happiness Course – Thursday Mornings at 9.15am.
All parents welcome, if you are available, please come along.

Friday 4th March Sure Start Precious Moments Crèche from 10 – 11.30am

Easter Inferno run by Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council is an exciting sport and physical activity programme for 4 – 14 year olds.
Tues 29th, Wed 30th and Thurs 31st March 2016 at the Antrim Forum.

Sport Relief Mile

Run or Walk yourself Proud on Sunday 20th March 'The Active Antrim Mile' Loughshore Park, Antrim from 2.15p. Enter now at sportrelief.com

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

UNCRC Article 29

.... *Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full.*

World Book Day 3rd March

CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

The PTA Valentine's Disco raised £163.00

Our "Wear Jeans" day raised £126.00 for NI Cancer Fund for Children.

We have been given an Easter basket to raffle. It costs £1.00 per go if children wish to enter. All proceeds go to Action Cancer.

Next PTA event will be a Family Quiz on Tuesday 15th March from 6.30pm.



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